



Monday, May 16th, 2011 - 6:00pm
1st Unitarian Church / 1105 Elm Street / Youngstown, OH
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WPNA MAY 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Issues:

Housing & Street:

- Update: 241 N. Heights, 1222 Kensington (arson), 1325 & 1319 Wick Ave are listed as our top demolition priorities (1325 Wick featured in the Business Journal); Covington Housing roof is repaired (CDA) but 135 Illinois Ave has experienced similar damage to its room / needs similar repair; vacant lot left by demolition of apartment building on Bryson & Park done by Nevel's Temple in terrible condition and needs addressed; Gary explained the procedure for recording street lights that are out ([click here for link](#)); J.R. secured a land contract for house on Elm Street (yes!); Mark Thompson possibly interested in 1233 Elm (Allan Yaegley property).
- Next Step: Councilwoman Gillam to follow up with Sean McKinney regarding demolition status (she also wants 66 Indiana demolished); to contact City of Youngstown CDA regarding possible repair to 135 Illinois (Phil); Rob to contact Nevel's Temple regarding their demolition lot; Gary to connect Mark Thompson to Allan Yaegley.

Michigan Ave Junk Pile:

- Update: Need to contact David Reese. If he doesn't comply, need to contact Health Department.
- Next Step: Jim and Sue to contact David Reese.

Atlantic One Stop Liquor Licence Hearing:

- Update: Hearing conducted (letter from WPNA / petition submitted); waiting for decision from the board. Each side will have a right to appeal, so we will need to be prepared for this. Councilwoman Gillam is also asking for a probation period; there was a shooting at One Stop on Saturday night and [it was recorded](#) in the Vindicator.
- Next Step: Councilwoman Gillam is going to give police report of shooting to Tony Farris and ask him to forward to the state.

Project & Events & Fundraising:

"Welcome to Wick Park" & Historic District Street Signage:

- Update: Board decisions have been made but no official word yet from the Wean Foundation (group did receive at least partial funding);
- Next Step: Group to put mock posts in on June 4th Streetscape; language decided: "Welcome to Historic Wick Park Est. 1889"; sign designs will be presented to the group at the next meeting; may need to raise funds for additional two signs (contributions from Park Department and surrounding institutions).

Wick 6 District Vacant Parking Lot Improvement:

- Update: Phase II is complete (installation of recycled concrete pieces and railroad ties). Need to figure out planting strategy.
- Next Step: Streetscape to assist with mulch on Streetscape. Brian Hinz helping with fertilizer. Susie to determine flower selection. Sean Burkholder to assist with painting of poles / concrete stripes. Theme will be gold and green (Ursuline HS).

Wick Park Improvement Project:

- Update: Sharon Letson (Youngstown Cityscape), Phil met with the Youngstown Foundation (in Wick Park) to go

over the grant. Decision should be in 45-60 days.

o Next Step: **Await decision on the Youngstown Foundation.**

Fall Fundraiser at Wick Park:

o Update: Committee formed at last meeting but needs to meet. Ideas for committee to consider?

o Next Step: **Committee to meet before next meeting and bring plan back to group. Idea was presented to replicate the Food Incubator fundraiser that is taking place this Thursday. Group liked the idea / committee to take up suggestion.**

New Business:

Leadership:

o Discussion regarding interest in taking a leadership role in WPNA.

o Phil has been the 'Chair' since the beginning (almost a year and a half); Phil is getting busy with work / discussion was about giving the opportunity to others to help manage the group. Jim Converse agreed to give small training on how the group could determine how they want to elect at next meeting.

Announcements:

o City Council Report: **Councilwoman Gillam gave updates on downtown signage, Paramount Theatre and bike rack projects, living will training, camera installation to catch dumpers and YNDC vacant lot and home purchase (low / no interest program.**

o Food Cooperative Fundraiser / Thursday/ 6pm / 1st Unitarian: **For tickets, see Jim Converse.**

o Volunteers needed for small cleanup in Wick Park this Saturday (wedding at 4pm): **To help, see Katie Seminara.**

o Streetscape June 4th (volunteers & t-shirt sizes needed): **Group filled out volunteer forms.**